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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling a wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one DTMF tone over a communications channel at the wireless communications device; and

controlling, in response to the at least one DTMF tone command, an operating characteristic of the wireless communications device such that a ring mode of the wireless communications device is changed from a silent alert mode to an active alert mode to assist a user in locating the wireless communications device.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises making at least one observable indication emanate from the wireless communications device.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the observable indication comprises an audible ring.

4. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the observable indication comprises an illumination of at least a portion of the wireless communications device.

5. (canceled)

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6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises controlling a communications port of the wireless communications device.
7. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises transferring data out of a communications port of the wireless communications device.
8. (currently amended) A wireless communications device, comprising:  
a DTMF receiver for receiving at least one DTMF tone at the wireless communications device; and  
a DTMF protocol processor for controlling, in response to the at least one DTMF tone, an operating characteristic of the wireless communications device, wherein as part of controlling the operating characteristic of the wireless communication device, the DTMF protocol processor changes a ring mode of the wireless communications device from a silent alert mode to an active alert mode to assist a user in locating the wireless communications device.
9. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF protocol processor makes at least one observable indication emanate from the wireless communications device.
10. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 9, wherein the observable indication comprises an audible ring.

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11. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 9, wherein the observable indication comprises an illumination of at least a portion of the wireless communications device.

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF protocol processor further controls a communications port of the wireless communications device.

14. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF protocol processor further transfers data out of a communications port of the wireless communications device.

15. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 8, further comprising a packet data receiver for receiving the at least one DTMF tone.

16. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 8, further comprising a circuit data receiver for receiving the at least one DTMF tone.

17. (original) The wireless communications device according to claim 8, further comprising an associated control channel receiver for receiving the at least one DTMF tone.

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18. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising computer programming instructions for controlling a wireless device, the computer programming instructions comprising instructions for:

receiving at least one DTMF tone over a communications channel at the wireless communications device; and

controlling, in response to the at least one DTMF tone, an operating characteristic of the wireless communications device such that a ring mode of the wireless communications device is changed from a silent alert mode to an active alert mode to assist a user in locating the wireless communications device.

19. (original) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions for controlling comprise instructions for making at least one observable indication emanate from the wireless communications device.

20. (original) The computer program product according to claim 19, wherein the observable indication comprises an audible ring.

21. (original) The computer program product according to claim 19, wherein the observable indication comprises an illumination of at least a portion of the wireless communications device.

22. (canceled)

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23. (original) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions for controlling comprise instructions for controlling a communications port of the wireless communications device.

24. (original) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions for controlling comprise instructions for transferring data out of a communications port of the wireless communications device.